WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Pension cases of Army Personnel

3368. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pension cases of war injured army personnel posted in Sri Lanka on an IPKF mission in 1988 have not yet been settled;

(b) if so, the reasons for an inordinate delay in settling such cases;

(c) the number of such cases still pending; and

(d) the time by when such cases are likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Import of Anti Land-Mine Vehicles

†3369. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy losses have been suffered by military vehicles many times in terms of human life and property through land mines due to internal disturbances in several States of North-East and Kashmir;

(b) the number of persons died as well as those rendered handicapped in such incidents during the last three years;

(c) whether Government are considering to import anti land-mine vehicles; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Losses are occasionally suffered by Army in counter insurgency operations in North Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir in terms of human life and property as a result of mines/IED blasts.

(b) The number of Army personnel killed in counter insurgency operations in J&K and North Eastern States during the last three years (1997—1999) as a result of mines/IED blasts in 91. The details of disabled army personnel as a result of mines/IED blasts are not readily available.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.